

## SIT TIGHT—DON'T ROCK THE BOAT!

The European war has called forth all sorts of editorial comment from the press of this country. But the Chicago Herald, the great independent newspaper of the Windy City, in its issue of August third, contained editorial advice that should be considered by every lover of peace in this country. The Herald, under the caption, "Sit Still—Don't Rock the Boat," said:

Sit tight! Don't rock the boat! That's the watchword today. That's the first duty of every American at this moment. That's what this country needs to keep it straight and safe and true to its course—absolutely all it needs.

Business conditions are sound. We have one of the greatest grain crops in history. Its value has already greatly advanced. We have a sound financial system, backed by the greatest store of gold in the world. Our banks are solid, safe. There is nothing the matter with the United States.

War will mean an unprecedented demand for supplies. Experts declare American business will feel a great impetus. While other nations destroy, this country will produce. While other nations are armed camps, this country will be a farm, a factory, a forge. Trade extension is predicted in all directions. The immediate future is plain.

The national administration is acting wisely, promptly. The sum of \$500,000,000 is available, under the Aldrich-Vreeland act, for an emergency. The organization of the reserve board will soon be complete. This will enable us to deal more effectively with the outflow of gold. Plans are perfecting to permit American registry of foreign vessels. This will protect and develop our commerce.

We are preparing to maintain strict neutrality. Questions may arise with foreign nations as to what constitutes contraband. Such questions cannot conceivably involve us in difficulties. They will be settled by the ordinary processes. The general principles of neutrality and neutral commerce are plain. The United States will adhere rigorously to them. Friendly intercourse, as far as circumstances permit, will be its rule and its procedure.

Stock exchanges have closed—a wise precaution. This country cannot be the dumping ground of the large body of securities that war-mad Europe is anxious to convert into money. The closing is temporary. Elsewhere there is no prospect of interference with the orderly processes of American business. Stable conditions are here. All we have to do is to keep them stable.

The administration has decided to appeal officially to the public to help maintain existing satisfactory conditions. The public cannot fail to respond. The only danger is one which it may create itself. Its course is simple. All it has to do is to sit tight, to do nothing to disrupt the fortunate condition in which this country happily finds itself.

Don't rock the boat—that's the central idea! The swell from the great battleship "Europe" will be felt. But it will not hurt us. It need not even break over the sides. There's nothing the matter with the boat that we are in. Straight and strong, well-seamed, well-caulked, well-timbered, with reasonable guidance it will bear us safely and prosperously through.

Sit tight! Don't rock the boat! Keep its head well up against the sea! Don't let it get into the trough of the waves! Let every man realize that at this moment calm confidence and calm thankfulness are the first duty. They are absolutely justified by the favorable situation in which we find ourselves. They are the certain guarantee of a continuance of these conditions.

## FOR SHERIFF WILBUR B. ENNIS.

I wish to announce that I am a candidate for nomination for sheriff at Primary, August 25, on the Republican ticket. I have served one term as sheriff and have endeavored to discharge faithfully the duties of the office to which I was nominated and elected by the people of Gratiot county



two years ago. I ask the support of all Republicans for nomination to a second term.

WILBUR B. ENNIS.  
Political Adv.

Miss Edith Platt, a student nurse, were taken into the O. E. S. Friday and Miss Cooper then left for her home in Monroe. Miss Ethel Bandfield was promoted to head nurse.

Mrs. C. Fletcher spent the day Monday with St. Louis friends.

Miss Ella Bittner returned Monday from a ten days' visit at the home of Mrs. Marion A. Paddock in Detroit.

Borne Tann and family moved Saturday from southwest of Elwell to 514 Linden avenue in this city.

Miss Fernie Drayer returned to her home in Summer Tuesday after spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Floyd Rumberger.

Mrs. Mary A. Gilland of Breckenridge was in Alma Tuesday enroute to Ithaca to spend two weeks at the home of George Gilland.

Mrs. Warren Williams of St. Louis was brought to the hospital by Dr. Barstow Friday and she is now making a fine recovery from an operation for appendicitis.

Albert Esselstyn left Alma Friday for his home near Grand Ledge and the report has reached us that he was united in marriage to Miss Vera Stepson of Lansing Sunday. Good luck, "Stein."

The upper light on each post at the street corners and at a few of the alleys will be left burning until morning. The approximate cost will be two hundred and fifty dollars.

Tereafter about twelve single lights will be left burning all night, while the cables will be rearranged so that the whole system of street lights will be controlled by six circuits instead of two and at the Wright House, instead of at the City Hall.

Miss Shirley Bellows of Ithaca and Mr. Joseph Ballis of Ironwood were married at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. About thirty friends and relatives were present, Miss Laura Crandell of this city being one of the number present.

Monday afternoon Fred Keyes was struck in the face by a three-inch plank which fell from a scaffold at the Libby, McNeil and Libby construction job. Most of the rough work has been done for the time being and only carpenters, bricklayers and a few helpers are now on the job. Mr. Henry Soule reports that the work is progressing finely.

Mrs. Ruddeck and Miss McMurtin left Tuesday for Cleveland to attend the style show in the ready-to-wear and millinery stores of that city. The ladies went by train to Detroit then across the lake on the steamer City of Cleveland. They expect to be absent from the city a week.

E. K. Mohr of Chicago addressed the Sunday school convention at the M. E. church in Elwell Sunday. The Sunday School students of Seville and Summer were convened. By a census it showed that there are 426 Sunday school students and 90 officers and teachers in the two above townships. Mr. Mohr remained over Sunday and preached at Elwell, Sumner, Elm Hall and Riverdale.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnhart and two children and Mrs. John Dougherty and son of Cadillac are guests of H. B. Stuckey and family this week.

Mr. Ralph Yonker, Mrs. Yonker and his younger brother are in Alma for the week-end. Mr. Yonker is staying at the home of Prof. A. P. Cook, while his mother and brother are staying with Mrs. John Murphy.

Rev. C. L. Beebe of the Ithaca M. E. church conducted a short service at the residence Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and the remains were taken to St. Johns cemetery for interment in the family lot, Rev. J. H. Wilcox officiating there.

Miss Axie Langdon is in the hospital with a very badly cut eye, due to an accident Monday morning. Miss Langdon has been clerking at Brown's Bazaar and while opening a pail of candy Monday morning a nail flew up and struck her right eye ball, cutting it badly.

Architect E. M. Wood of Alma is preparing plans for the congregation of St. Paul's church at Reed City for a new church building to be erected on the site of the old church, also for the remodeling of the parsonage. The church will cost about \$10,000.—Architect and Builder.

President Snyder, wife and three sons were guests of Dr. T. C. Blaisdell Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This coming term is the last one that Mr. Snyder will remain at M. A. C. His next move is indefinite. Dr. Blaisdell accompanied the president a part of the way to his home enroute to Southern Ohio, where he is devoting his time on a four weeks' lecture trip.

## Ithaca Local Items

When returning home about one o'clock Sunday evening from Ithaca, Everett Wolfe of North Star lost control of his horse when a locomotive and caboose came rather silently along just behind the northbound excursion train. Mr. Wolfe was thrown out but not injured, although his buggy was completely demolished.

Wilbur Carpenter injured his left hand severely Tuesday morning while handling freight, necessitating four stitches.

Fire broke out Saturday forenoon in the engine room at the Farmer Gleaners Elevator, and promised to be a serious one; chemicals in the hands of the fire department extinguished the blaze.

Mrs. Arch McCall is entertaining her sister, Mrs. A. Robinson, of Grand Ledge.

Mrs. W. F. Thompson gave a luncheon Friday to twenty-five ladies, in honor of Mrs. Maude Tennant. She

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For County Clerk is B. L. Case of Emerson Township.

B. L. Case of Emerson township was born in Loraine county, Ohio, in the year 1872 and with his parents moved to Michigan in 1888 and settled on Section 14 of Emerson township, Gratiot county, where he has ever since made his home. Mr. Case helped to clear the farm upon which he lives and by hard knocks and persistent efforts acquired for himself one of the best estates in that township. In 1901 he was elected supervisor of his township and in 1902 and 1903 re-elected to the same position. After a rest of seven years from the duties of Emerson in 1910 again made Mr. Case supervisor, which position he held for four years. In 1912 Mr. Case was chosen chairman of the board, which position he filled with credit to himself and the township which he represented. He has served his township two years as township clerk and two

years as township treasurer. Mr. Case's familiarity with county matters acquired by service on the Board of Supervisors together with the fact that he is an excellent penman and a good bookkeeper are arguments being used by his friends in the primary campaign.

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## DETROIT EXCURSION

Wednesday, August 19, is Thoroughly Advertised.

Literature, advertising the Gratiot County Sunday School Excursion, which will be held at Whitmore Lake Wednesday, August 19, was distributed over the entire county, Monday, by a committee which divided into four parts and with four machines covered the county. G. V. Wright, Frank Parker and Russell Cummings went to Middleton, Perrington, Ashley, North Star, and Pompeii. Rev. Brownlow and E. H. Weese billed Emerson township, Rathbone, Beebe, Wheeler and Breckenridge; Leonard Putman and Arlo Eckert, Forest Hill, Elwell, Riverdale, Elm Hall and Sumner; W. I. Amsbury and C. Haner covered St. Louis, Pleasant Valley, Coe and Shepherd. The round trip rates on the excursion are \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children.



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